FISCAL NOTE

HB 2370 - SB 2434

February 22, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the sheriff of any county having a charter form of government and a population in excess of 600,000 according to the 1990 or any subsequent federal census (Shelby County) to patrol the property of public schools located within the largest municipality in the county if the sheriff patrols the property of public schools located in unincorporated areas and other municipalities in the county.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures*- Exceeds \$800,000

Assumes:

- the Shelby County Sheriff's office currently patrols the middle and high schools in the county and thus would be required to provide deputies to patrol Memphis City Schools under the provisions of the bill.
- Memphis Police would continue to provide the 40 officers currently in place in Memphis City Schools.
- there are approximately 60 middle, junior and high schools in the Memphis City School System.
- 20 sheriff's deputies would be provided for the middle, junior, and high schools that do not currently have a Memphis police officer on-site full-time.
- the cost for salary, benefits, uniforms, equipment and training for a Shelby County sheriff's deputy is approximately \$44,000 annually.
- Shelby County would experience an increase in expenditures exceeding \$800,000.
- the Shelby County Sheriff's office would not be required to patrol elementary schools in Memphis.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director